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SUBJECT: JSP VISIT TO WASHINGTON

SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH SECRETARY WAS UNABLE TO SEE JSP DELEGATION, SOCIALISTS DID MEET WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF USG OFFICIALS, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, SCHOLARS, AND JOURNALISTS. DEPARTMENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GROUP WERE FRANK AND CORDIAL, AND WE BELIEVE THAT VISIT SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE. END SUMMARY.

1. JSP DELEGATION MET WITH ASST. SEC. HABIB ON SEPT. 18 FOR NINETY MINUTE DISCUSSION. AFTER BRIEF APOLOGY BY EDA FOR JSP OPPOSITION TO FORD VISIT LAST FALL, TALK FOCUSED ALMOST ENTIRELY ON KOREA. HABIB OUTLINED FOUR PRINCIPLES FOR US POLICY TOWARD KOREA: (1) PREVENTION OF HOSTILITIES; (2) MAINTENANCE OF US COMMITMENT TO ROK, (3) RELAXATION OF TENSION THROUGH NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE; AND (4) WILLINGNESS TO DEAL WITH N. KOREA IF NORTH'S
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ALLIES WERE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH ROK. EDA SAID THAT

JSP COULD AGREE WITH FIRST AND THIRD PRINCIPLES BUT NOT OTHERS, AND HE AND DENT WENT ON TO PRESENT JSP VIEWS OF KOREAN SITUATION TO WHICH HABIB RESPONDED. AT CONCLUSION BOTH SIDES AGREED ON NEED FOR REDUCTION OF TENSIONS AND RESTORATION OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE BUT DIS-

AGREED ON MEANS TO ACHIEVE THESE ENDS. AT LUNCHEON FOLLOWING DAY HOSTED BY HABIB, DISCUSSION AGAIN CENTERED ON KOREA INCLUDING BALANCE OF FORCES ON THE PENINSULA AND US POSITION ON UN MEMBERSHIP FOR KOREAS AND UNC.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 19 DELEGATION MET WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR THIRTY MINUTES BUT RAN ALMOST TWO HOURS. IKLE REVIEWED PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY OF SALT NEGOTIATIONS. JSP SAID THAT WHEN IT TOOK POWER IN JAPAN IT WOULD PUSH FOR AN ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE CENTERED ON JAPAN AND ASKED IKLE FOR PROBABLE US POSITION ON SUCH A PROPOSAL. IKLE RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD DEPEND UPON HOW THE ZONE WAS DEFINED AND NOTED THAT TO BE MEANINGFUL AN EAST ASIAN NFZ WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE PORTIONS OF THE

TWO NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES ADJACENT TO JAPAN. IN RESPONSE TO JSP QUESTION WHETHER US-JAPAN MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY PRECLUDE US SUPPORT FOR JAPAN'S INCLUSION IN NFZ, IKLE NOTED THAT WE SUPPORTED LATIN AMERICA NFZ EVEN THOUGH WE HAD AN ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH MOST OF THESE COUNTRIES.

3. DELEGATION ALSO MET WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, (SEPTTEL) PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT RUMSFELD, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. THE SECRETARY WAS UNABLE TO SEE THE GROUP BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT JSP VISIT TO WASHINGTON WENT WELL AND SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE. MISSION MEMBERS APPROACHED DISCUSSIONS HERE SERIOUSLY AND GENERALLY WITHOUT UNNECESSARY POLEMICS AND HOPEFULLY TOOK WITH THEM A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF US VIEWS AND POLICIES. IN OUR MEETINGS HERE WE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CONTINUE THIS DIALOGUE, AND DELEGATION INDICATED THAT IT HOPED TO SEND PARTY MISSION
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